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FIT FOR A ROYAL:

Local artist and grazier Margie Fitzpatrick has been working solidly designing the backdrop for this year's Southern Districts exhibit at the Royal Easter Show. This week she received a hand from son Andrew Lipscomb, a University of NSW engineering student, on the Women in Agriculture themed display.

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Heroic nurse's honour

By LOUISE THROWER

THOSE who knew Bob Fenwick were not surprised he selflessly gave his life for another.

The former Goulburn psychiatric nurse has been variously described as caring, passionate about his work and a mentor to others.

Governor General Quinten Bryce this week posthumously awarded Mr Fenwick the Star of Courage, Australia's second highest civil bravery award.

He died after intervening in a stabbing attack on a colleague at Orange psychiatric facility, Bloomfield Hospital on January 5 last year.

The nurse, 20-year-old Emily Pritchard, had yelled for help after the patient wielded two steak knives at her, partially severing her finger.

Mr Fenwick immediately came to her aid and placed himself between the two. He was stabbed in the chest and received multiple lacerations to his body.

"Despite his injuries, Mr Fenwick, and (another) patient, who came to assist, forced the offender outside," the citation read.

"Mr Fenwick grabbed a broom and defended himself with it.



GREATLY MISSED: Former Goulburn psychiatric nurse, the late Bob Fenwick.

The offender backed off and security staff apprehended him."

Mr Fenwick died from his injuries at Westmead Hospital the following day.

Matthew Peter Loughrey was subsequently acquitted of murdering the 62-year-old and of attempting to murder Miss Pritchard on the grounds of mental illness.

Mr Fenwick's family said they were extremely proud he'd been acknowledged with the high honour.

"He showed immense courage, strength and chivalry in a very difficult situation, and will always be remembered for his generous nature," they said in a statement.

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